

Dear Vickie and Jim,
 We had a happy birthday
 for dad tonight. I baked a
 chocolate cake and put 21
 candles on it and we had
 steak and baked potatoes.
 Then we had a bridge game
 with Mary and Mike and they
 won ten cents from us.
 Dad thought it was really
 nice that you called him
 Jim. He said I wanted to be
 the one to do all the talking
 but he was really pleased to
 hear from you. Thanks again.
 Tomorrow morning Mary and
 I are going to a baby shower
 for Mary's girl friend Judy she
 is expecting twins. Kim is
 giving the shower and her
 mother is here from Calif. so
 Kim wanted me to come, so I
 am. We are going to Liggs for
 New Year Eve tomorrow night.
 Your trip to New York was

really fun & new. The first time I got to New York City Dad and I were in Hackettstown, N. Jersey, just a few miles from New York City. I was so excited I could hardly stand it. We drove in through the Holland Tunnel and rode the subways, but we didn't see all the places you did. Then we were through it a couple of times but didn't stay there.

Our trip back there in the spring is really a big thing. I hate to stop in Minneapolis but we have a lot of good old friends there and they are all planning a get-together. Just think of seeing people you haven't seen for almost twenty years. We were all growing together. The men don't change but the women sure do. We can't say just when yet because it depends upon dad's job. They

Keep pretty busy and dad got
a \$1,500.00 bonus so things
aren't going badly.

Thanks:

I am home from the shoe store
now. Bernice come over and
just left.

Happy New Year.

Love,
Mom.